

Deaf or Hard of Hearing Services 2023-2024

Service	Service Description
D/HH Assessment	 Provided by a certified teacher of the Deaf when the educational team needs more information about the student's progress, skills and/or needed level of intervention Assessments are conducted using a variety of tools including standardized and curriculum-based measures, observations and consultations with staff, and family interviews. The teacher of the deaf can gather information related to concept development, communication, language, auditory skills, and reading, writing, vocabulary and transition needs. A recommendation will be made to the educational team and information provided for Evaluation and Reevaluation.
D/HH Itinerant: Direct Service	A certified teacher of the Deaf can provide direct itinerant services to a child in his/her home school or educational placement. Supports can include instruction in: Iistening/auditory skills speechreading skills communication skills sign language self-advocacy transition planning study skills preteaching /reteaching concepts and vocabulary to support academics Supports include ongoing assessment and communication with the team
D/HH Itinerant: Support to School Personnel	A certified Teacher of the Deaf can provide support to individual educational teams with regard to: checking amplification technologies (hearing aids, FM systems, and cochlear implant function) training with assistive technology (amplification technology, video relay) supports for instructional strategies and academics communication strategies materials support and adaptations sign language skill development orientations with school staff to assist with understanding the child's profile, amplification use, and learning strategies providing information on the impact of hearing loss for students with additional disabilities periodic student observations with recommendations to staff

D/HH Programmatic Consultation	A certified teacher of the Deaf can provide consultative support to district employees, such as: • mentoring new employees • staff development • instructional support • IEP support • progress monitoring support
D/HH Case Management	Case management includes IEP/RR facilitation and development, communication and coordination of the educational team including parents or acting as a liaison with community agencies
Hearing Screening Follow-up	 Available for students who have difficulty responding to the standard hearing screening Service includes pure-tone and/or imittance tests performed at the student's school location
FM Listening System Technical Support	 Classroom acoustics have a more deleterious effect on verbal comprehension for hard-of-hearing students than for students with normal hearing. Factors such as distance between student and teacher, background sounds and reverberation can have a negative impact on speech reception and understanding. This occurs regardless of whether the student wears hearing aids. FM systems are designed to improve access to instruction for hard-of-hearing students and those diagnosed with an auditory processing disorder. The FM evaluation involves device fitting and assessment of auditory performance with the system. Subsequently, a CAIU loaner device is provided for trial use in the classroom to determine auditory benefit.

Audiology Services Services will be provided by a Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

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Audiometer Calibration	Facilitate district participation in yearly calibration of portable audiometers